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SUBJECT: MOOSE-LOWENSTEIN REPORT: US PERSONNEL NOT  
DIRECTLY RELATED TO US INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

REF: A. STATE 39406 B. STATE 75666/012329Z MAY 71

1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MOOSE-LOWENSTEIN IT WAS EVIDENT  
THAT THRUST OF THEIR INQUIRY ON THIS POINT WAS SIZE OF  
FORCES WE WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN IN COUNTRY IF US MILITARY  
OPERATIONS CEASED. WE STRESSED, FOR REASONS MENTIONED IN  
PAPER WE PROVIDED, DIFFICULTY OF COMING UP WITH ANYTHING  
BUT A BALLPARK ESTIMATE OF US PERSONNEL NOT DIRECTLY RELATED  
TO US INDOCHINA OPERATIONS. THEY WERE ALSO TOLD INFORMAL  
PAPER WAS NOT A COORDINATED MISSION VIEW. STAFFERS  
ACCEPTED SUBJECTIVE ESTIMATE AND DID NOT PRESS US FOR  
BREAKDOWN OF COMPONENTS. WE INCLUDED COPY OF PAPER IN  
PACKET POUCHED TO EA/TB AS FOLLOW-UP TO STAFFERS VISIT.

2. IN REACHING OUR TOTAL WE FIRST ESTIMATED THAT FOLLOWING  
MILITARY PERSONNEL NOW IN COUNTRY ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED  
TO US INDOCHINA OPERATIONS: MAAG (600), SPECIAL CRYPTOLOGIC  
(1,750), COBRA TALON (250), USA/USAF INTELLIGENCE (150),  
AND MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT (400). WE INITIALLY CONSIDERED  
PROVIDING STAFFERS THIS TOTAL OF 3,150. WE DID NOT DO SO  
BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATED THAT IT MIGHT BE UTILIZED IN CONGRESS  
TO PROPOSE POST-HOSTILITIES CEILING FOR THAILAND. THIS  
WOULD PRESENT PROBLEM IF WE WISH MAINTAIN USAF PRESENCE  
ON ONE OR TWO THAI BASES AS CONTEMPLATED IN CURRENT PLANNING.

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CONSEQUENTLY, WE INCREASED TOTAL TO ENCOMPASS SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO COVER THIS POSSIBILITY. OUR OVERALL ESTIMATE OF 4,000 TO 5,000 COMPARES WITH PLANNING ASSUMPTION OF 4,900 MILITARY PERSONNEL USED BY SECDEF (REF B).

3. FIGURE OF FOUR TO FIVE THOUSAND CAN BE EXPLAINED IF: A) WASHINGTON HAD A MORE DEFINITIVE ESTIMATE OF INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS TO BE RETAINED IN COUNTRY AFTER END OF INDO-CHINA HOSTILITIES THAN IS AVAILABLE TO US: B) PLANNING FIGURE OF APPROXIMATELY 1500 USAF BASE SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO SUPPORT USAF POST-HOSTILITIES BASES(S) IN THAILAND IS EITHER ACKNOWLEDGED OR ELIMINATED. IN OUR VIEW CARE NEEDS TO BE EXERCISED TO AVOID BEING LOCKED INTO A CEILING FIGURE WHICH WOULD FORECLOSE THESE OPTIONS.

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